

TABLE 3.10: OPERATOR CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES BY VEHICLE TYPE, 2006

CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES	PASSENGER CAR		SPORT UTILITY		LIGHT TRUCK OR VAN		LARGE TRUCK		MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED		OTHER	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Driving too fast for conditions	1,221	13.8%	298	17.5%	362	14.6%	41	7.6%	21	13.0%	12	7.4%
Failure to keep in proper lane/off road	923	10.4%	211	12.4%	257	10.4%	69	12.8%	32	19.8%	19	11.7%
Operating vehicle recklessly	125	1.4%	21	1.2%	28	1.1%	1	0.2%	10	6.2%	3	1.9%
Visibility obstructed	194	2.2%	46	2.7%	86	3.5%	42	7.8%	2	1.2%	14	8.6%
Excessive speed	122	1.4%	18	1.1%	27	1.1%	1	0.2%	11	6.8%	0	0.0%
Following too closely	680	7.7%	98	5.8%	187	7.5%	41	7.6%	10	6.2%	6	3.7%
Improper turn	170	1.9%	38	2.2%	48	1.9%	38	7.0%	4	2.5%	9	5.6%
Disregarded traffic signs, signals	144	1.6%	28	1.6%	33	1.3%	9	1.7%	2	1.2%	1	0.6%
Failure to yield	1,174	13.3%	173	10.2%	269	10.8%	19	3.5%	3	1.9%	19	11.7%
Inattention	1,788	20.2%	339	19.9%	512	20.6%	116	21.4%	19	11.7%	27	16.7%
Wrong side or wrong way	48	0.5%	5	0.3%	9	0.4%	4	0.7%	2	1.2%	1	0.6%
Fell asleep	145	1.6%	21	1.2%	38	1.5%	4	0.7%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Under influence of medication/drugs/alcohol	192	2.2%	43	2.5%	78	3.1%	0	0.0%	6	3.7%	3	1.9%
Operating defective equipment	72	0.8%	12	0.7%	26	1.0%	11	2.0%	1	0.6%	4	2.5%
Technology related distraction	28	0.3%	7	0.4%	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Distracted	169	1.9%	32	1.9%	44	1.8%	7	1.3%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Swerving due to wind, slippery surface, etc	168	1.9%	35	2.1%	43	1.7%	8	1.5%	8	4.9%	1	0.6%
Other/Unknown operator cause	1,481	16.7%	277	16.3%	429	17.3%	129	23.8%	29	17.9%	43	26.5%
TOTAL	8,844	100.0%	1,702	100.0%	2,483	100.0%	541	100.0%	162	100.0%	162	100.0%

Failure to yield, inattention and driving too fast for conditions were the primary operator contributing circumstances in the categories of passenger car sport utility vehicles and light truck or van. Failure to keep in proper lane/off road, driving too fast for conditions and inattention contributed to 42% of the crashes involving large trucks. Operator causes for motorcycle crashes were most often driving too fast for conditions, failure to keep in proper lane/off road, inattention, speeding and operating vehicle recklessly.